

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SCOTT THOMAS VISNICH,

Defendant.

CASE NO. CR19-0069-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C. Coughenour, United States District Judge:

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's motion for leave to file his sentencing memorandum under seal (Dkt. No. 54). The Court hereby GRANTS the motion for the reasons explained herein.

The Court starts from the position that "[t]here is a strong presumption of public access to [its] files." W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 5(g). To overcome this presumption, there must be a "compelling reason" for sealing that is "sufficient to outweigh the public's interest in disclosure." *Kamakana v. City and Cty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1179 (9th Cir. 2006). The Court has reviewed the sentencing memorandum (Dkt. No. 55) and finds that Defendant's interest in keeping the sensitive information confidential outweighs any public interest in its disclosure. The Government has not opposed the motion.

1 Therefore, Defendant's motion for leave to file under seal (Dkt. No. 54) is GRANTED.  
2 The Clerk is DIRECTED to maintain Docket Number 55 under seal.

3 DATED this 28th day of September 2020.

4 William M. McCool  
5 Clerk of Court

6 s/Tomas Hernandez  
7 Deputy Clerk